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A scholar and community activist, she has worked and collaborated with different stakeholders provincially, nationally, across Africa and globally, engaging communities, civil society, governments, parliamentarians and professional bodies to amplify the voices of populations at risk, particularly, pregnant and rural women.

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